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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. Relevance of reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. References 8-10 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 1-6 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 5. English language Abstracts of references 1-4, and 8-10 are attached hereto.
- 6. Computer-generated English language translations of the following Japanese references have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-4 and 8-10.
- 7. Reference 7 corresponds to Reference 6.

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APPENDIX

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1. JP 2002-139326 A discloses a system, in which the program stored in a storage medium such as CD-ROM, which is installed detachably in an information terminal device, is read out. The program thus read out is stored in an internal memory, and the program thus stored in the internal memory is executed on the information terminal device.
2. JP09-96530 A discloses a system, in which the ID of a CD-ROM inserted into a CD-ROM drive is examined. Since a second CD-ROM storing a CPU program is inserted into the drive, a program for rewriting a flash memory stored in the CD-ROM is transferred to a DRAM and the program for rewriting the flash memory is executed. First, the version of the existing program for navigation on a flash memory is examined. Then, the version of the program for navigation stored in a newly inserted second CD-ROM is examined. The two versions are compared and the program on the CD-ROM is overwritten onto a memory when the version of the newly inserted second CD-ROM is new, thus updating the program for navigation.
3. JP07-287655 A discloses a system, in which when an access instruction is issued to an FD (floppy disk) (S1), an FDD (floppy disk drive) reads the proper information out of the FD (S2). Then a CPU reads the proper information out of a ROM (S3). It is decided whether the relevant proper information was read out of the FD. When the coincidence is confirmed between both proper information, it is decided that the relevant FD has never received any access. Thus the processing proceeds to S9. Then the proper information read out of the ROM is written into the FD, and an access is granted and carried out (S6, S7). If no coincidence is confirmed between both proper information, the processing proceeds to S5. Then an access is granted when the coincidence is

secured between the proper information read out of the FD with that read out of the ROM. When no coincidence is secured, no access is granted respectively.

4. JP7-182840 A discloses a security device for audio equipment, in which identification data memorized in a recording medium is memorized in a memory of the audio equipment in order to permit starting up of audio equipment only when a specific recording medium is installed.
5. WO99/41657 A discloses a system, in which by using a first recording medium (3) on which computer software is recorded and a programmable second recording medium (4), an inherent volume serial number VSN (HD) given to the recording medium (2) of hardware is recorded on the second recording medium as readable installation information number IIN (HD) of hardware at the time of installation, and the volume serial number of the recording medium and the installation information number of hardware are compared with each other at the time of re-installation. If they are different, the installation is rejected. Thus, the hardware is identified, and illegal copy to a large number of pieces of hardware can be avoided.
6. CN498217 (corresponding to WO 01/33383 A1) discloses a internet-based shared file service with native pc client access and semantics and distributed version control, in which multi-user file storage service and system enable each user of a pre-subscribed user group to operate an arbitrary client node at an arbitrary geographic location, to communicate with a remote file server node via a wide area network and to access the files of the file group via the respective client node in communication with the remote file server node via the wide area network. Illustratively, the integrity of the files at the remote file server node are maintained by controlling each access to each file at the remote file server node so that each access to files at the remote file server is performed, if at all, on a respective portion of each file as most recently updated at the remote file server node. Version control to a particular one of the files of the group can be delegated to a version control node.

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